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All GDR ministers and major departmental chiefs are assignted by Soviet advisers who for all practical purposes have unlimited control over government affairs. The Soviet adviser attached to Friedrich Macher, GDR Minister of Labor, was called Kutkov (fnu). His office was next door to Macher's office. All GDR ministries have to submit monthly reports to the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin.

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Comment. The report agrees with previous information which indicates that the control previously exercised by the Soviet High Commission continues in a decentralized and more anonymous form.

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